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# SENATE BILL NO. 224

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RUPP.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 166.435, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the income tax deduction for contributions to the Missouri higher education savings program.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 166.435, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 166.435, to read as follows:

166.435. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the assets of the  
2 savings program held by the board and the assets of any deposit program  
3 authorized in section 166.500 and qualified pursuant to Section 529 of the  
4 Internal Revenue Code and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all  
5 taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Income earned or  
6 received from the savings program or deposit program shall not be subject to  
7 state income tax imposed pursuant to chapter 143, RSMo, and shall be eligible  
8 for any benefits provided in accordance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue  
9 Code. The exemption from taxation pursuant to this section shall apply only to  
10 assets and income maintained, accrued, or expended pursuant to the  
11 requirements of the savings program established pursuant to sections 166.400 to  
12 166.455, and the deposit program established pursuant to sections 166.500 to  
13 166.529, and Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and no exemption shall  
14 apply to assets and income expended for any other purposes. Annual  
15 contributions made to the savings program held by the board and the deposit  
16 program up to and including eight thousand dollars [for the participant] **per**  
17 **participating taxpayer, and up to sixteen thousand dollars for married**  
18 **individuals filing a joint tax return**, shall be subtracted in determining

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.121, RSMo.

20           2. If any deductible contributions to or earnings from any such program  
21 referred to in this section are distributed and not used to pay qualified higher  
22 education expenses or are not held for the minimum length of time established  
23 by the appropriate Missouri state authority, the amount so distributed shall be  
24 added to the Missouri adjusted gross income of the participant, or, if the  
25 participant is not living, the beneficiary.

26           3. The provisions of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or  
27 after January 1, 1999, and the provisions of this section with regard to sections  
28 166.500 to 166.529 shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.

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